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THE CLARION

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Impressions

Throughout the decade of the '60's an atmosphere developed between the students on college campuses that greatly upgraded the student body. This atmosphere I speak of was one of cohesion between students which allowed students to struggle and strive for things together. But this is changing. Seemingly students are more at odds with each other now than at society or other institutions. What is the cause of this? Is this situation good or bad? Does this atmosphere benefit ones College experience or undermine his maturing process?

College life in the '60's' was different. The main differences were the Viet Nam War and the surfacing of new methods and opinions concerning many varying aspects of life. These developments gave students a common cause to become centered around. Even though things did get out of hand the initial thought was to work together for enlightenment. We as a generation should have benefitted from this uprising but seemingly we did not. Their basic idea, that of being united, should have carried over to our thinking so as to enable us to be one step ahead of the game. But did it? Do students on this campus look out for each other? Do they help each other when they are depressed or in trouble? Do they work together so as to augment progressive change? **NO!!!** Students at Brevard College have lost sight of this united feeling. They do not realize we are all in this world together and each others actions effect the whole body. We need to find a basis from which to work from in order to understand and try to alleviate problems in society. The only way to accomplish this is to work together as a body of concerned people.

This relates directly to our campus. Rules are set forth and offenders should be disciplined. But when people get together and **think** that so-and-so did this and that and feel from the start they are guilty, then the democratic system of innocence until proven guilty is lost. Rumors get started and some believe them as fact, they start to talk about someone and they cause people to lose their creditability quickly. My question is; why can't people just go and ask someone for an answer without running off half informed on something? The only way to get an answer is to ask that person directly, not to run to the Dorm Mother or to the Dean. People have a lot more respect for someone who comes and asks them something rather than going around talking about hear say.

We ask students to come and tell the Student Leaders about problems so we can check them out. Most do not which causes more problems. We can help and will help if only we are given a chance. In many cases things handled by students about students is more meaningful than action by the system.

So, what causes this atmosphere? **Immaturity!!!** Immaturity, steaming from the fact that some cannot face reality, so they go hide under the Dean's desk or the apron of the Dorm Mother. This situation is bad for rumors develop and students lost sight of this and tear down other peoples hopes and dreams. It is not conducive to study, good experiences, or the maturation which sheds a bad light on the setting, Brevard College.

I know some may say that this immature behavior stems from the environment that is given us and for some parts they are correct. But before responsibility can be given some signs of maturity need to be shown. So put a damper on rumors and keep in mind that people are innocent until proven guilty. Tell Student Leaders the problem areas. Use peer pressure to bring about results. Stand up for yourself as well as for others. Above all remember you do have an effective Student Government if you would only give them the room and a chance to alleviate trouble spots.

Student Union Legislative Report

The S.U.L. is continuing, with great vigor, its campaign to increase student awareness and arouse student interest.

At the special student assembly on Monday, November 19th Speaker of the Legislature addressed the students summarizing the present ideals that S.U.L. is striving for and how the student can help student leaders attain these goals:

" . . . As members of this

community all things will hinge on your activities, your attitude, and your overall involvement in all areas of individual interest . . . Our main platform consists of this thought, if you the students can show respect for the school and the officials; respect shall be given you and if you the student will accept responsibility in your actions more responsibility can be given to you in the

final move through reform . . ."

Mark McGuire and M. E. Sheppard both emphasized that peer group pressure should be used for inter-dorm control and not the present "run and tell" method.

Both leaders also called for more responsible behavior on the part of the student body.

S.U.L. is now trying to raise funds for the Christian Children Foundation by selling paper doll tokens for a dime. These dolls are on sale now. Eleven - hundred dolls must be sold to support our Korean ward, so please support this program.

It should be remembered by all students that are allowed to attend S.U.L. meetings and are encouraged to do so.

For many years, the American system of democracy, has undergone criticism and threat. Still, through the many eras of turmoil and disadvantage, the democratic system has proven its worth to our particular culture and environment. On November 27, 1973, the Student Union Legislature initiated a move to allow our form of government here at Brevard to become more democratic in its nature and function as a agent of the Student Body.

The proposal which was passed by the Legislature called for the formation of a Student Body Committee. This committee will consist of concerned students who due to drawbacks in our election processes or uncertainty of the overall college environment, did not seek office.

The purpose of this committee would be: (1) Trueful representations of all factions of campus life. (2) To allow fresh and inventive ideas a more direct channel into Student Government. (3) To assist the SUL in all its areas of concern.

Members of this committee would serve on various special committees, and be allowed all privileges of SUL members with the exception of voting.

Members of this committee would be chosen by the Executive Department and accepted by the SUL voting body. Selections of students for this group would rely heavily on concern, initiative, willingness to work, and academic standing.

Due to the special function of the committee, a Constitutional Amendment must be passed by the Student Body. The SUL solicits your support for what is felt to be a necessity for the betterment of the Brevard College Community. If you, the students are concerned, please contact any SUL member and give them your name for future consideration and contact. If the proposal becomes a reality through a Constitutional Amendment.

Transferring

Brevard College has established direct transfer agreements with a number of outstanding senior colleges. This means that the AA. graduate of Brevard is guaranteed admittance into full Junior status at the receiving institution. Usually this means that the graduate: gets full credit for "D" grades, receives preferential treatment regarding housing and financial aid, and does not have to pay the usual application fee to the receiving institution.

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Speak And Be Heard

How can a student government function effectively without the support of the essential foundation of its existence. A student government is an instrument of the students, the machinery responsible for the direction of student affairs. Without student backing, conditions at Brevard as exemplified in the comments and complaints of the student voice, cannot be changed. Many students blame their indifference and discontent on the standards and regulations of Brevard College; however, they must realize that without the advocacy of student interest change can never be instituted.

The SUL, headed by Mark McGuire and M. B. Sheppard, is beginning the procedures for concrete change in such regulations of controversy as the women's curfew hours and closed dorm policies. At the student body meeting held Wednesday, November 21st (2/3 student body attendance), students emphatically voiced the desire for liberalized curfew hours for women and increased frequently of open dormitories; however, these modifications can come only if the SUL can depend on the responsible attitudes and ideas of the students.

Communication becomes another strategic facet in the functioning capacities of the student government. Each class has four representatives and the dorms have various representatives. Do you know SUL Representatives? Are you being heard by them or are you not speaking loud enough? Effort is being made by the government to reach the students. SUL minutes and proposals should be posted in all halls of the dorms. The student leaders need to know what the students are thinking. Dorm meetings are held every other week (for SUL business) offering a sounding board for student ex-

pression. A new student unit is currently being formulated by the Executive Branch of the SUL, in an attempt to involve more students in SUL action.

Although the structured regimentation of Brevard students is authorized by the administration, the actual power necessary for the enactment of change lies in the students hands, and only thru the potent usage and backing of the Student Government can change become more than an abstract illusion.

Lost And Found

HELP! Please come by Office 101, in McLarty - Goodson Bldg. to claim your lost clothing, jewelry, books, etc. I am becoming swamped with odds 'n ends and must give articles to a Christmas box if they are are not claimed immediately.

FOUND

- 1 Navy pea coat — name F. G. Berry inside
- 1 lady's long grey coat
- 1 burgandy jacket — size 14
- 1 beige windbreaker — Man-style label
- 1 Wrangler, fleece lined jacket
- 1 demim jacket
- 1 black windbreaker
- 1 girl's gym shirt and short set
- 1 brown umbrella
- 1 brown patterned umbrella
- 1 14K gold earring
- 1 tennis racket — MacGregor (with press)
- 1 three-hole punch machine
- 1 flowered purse with eye makeup kit

LOST

- Glasses — wire-rim — "tear drop" style, owner Charles Jennette
- 2 keys — Mrs Hasselman
- Nye silver ring — dogwood pattern, owner Dolores Harrington
- Navy blue suededloth jacket, owner Karen Land

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